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Public Transportation in Washington, DC

Fare and schedule information may change at any time. Please check schedules on the transit agencies' websites when making plans.

TRAIN/SUBWAY/BUS

Using the Metro System:

Metrail, known as Metro, is the most convenient and practical way to get around downtown Washington. Driving to and parking near the National Mall area is difficult. For some destinations, you'll need to do some walking. Trains run every few minutes during weekday rush hours, but less frequently on weekends and outside rush hours.

Website: www.wmata.com. Customer Information: (202) 637-7000; Assistance for riders with disabilities: (202) 962-2700; Lost and found: (202) 962-1195.

Metrail hours of operation: Monday-Thursday, 5 a.m.-midnight; Friday, 5 a.m.-3 a.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m.-3 a.m.; Sunday, 7 a.m.-midnight.

Metrobus runs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, though service varies based on time, day and location.

How to Pay

WMATA issues two kinds of fare cards: paper fare cards and plastic SmarTrip cards that are reloadable. For the Metro, you can pay with either kind of fare card, but not cash. For buses, you can pay with SmarTrip or cash; paper fare cards are not accepted. Buses do not give change, so carry exact change.

The Circulator

The Circulator buses are WMATA buses that cover many popular tourist destinations. There are 5 color-coded routes that serve the downtown area as well as Georgetown, the National Zoo, and Columbia Heights. The Circulator costs only \$1. Route maps can be found at www.dccirculator.com.

Union Station

Restaurants, shops, Amtrak, and the Metro can all be found at this location. Open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday, noon-6 p.m.

Website: www.unionstationdc.com. Phone: (202) 289-1908; Amtrak ticket counter: (800)872-7245.

AIRPORTS

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA)

Near Washington, DC. Accessible by Metro.

www.mwaa.com/Reagan/reagan.html

General Information: (703) 417-8000

Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI)

Near Baltimore, MD. Accessible by Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC) Train Service, bus service with Metro B30 bus from Greenbelt Metro Station, and Amtrak trains.

www.bwiairport.com

General Information: (800) 435-9294

Dulles International Airport (IAD)

Virginia. Accessible by bus service with Metro 5A bus from L'Enfant Plaza Metro Station and the private Washington Flyer Coach.

Metwashairports.com/Dulles

General Information: (703) 572-2700